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Applicant: L. Conaway et al.
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FROM PARTICULATE SUBSTRATES**
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RESPONSE TO A FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

20 In response to a First Office Action dated 06/30/2004, which
action is non-final, Applicants respectfully request that the
amendments and remarks presented herein be entered into the case.

Amendments to the Abstract are shown on page 2 of this
paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.